

DANGER OF A WATER FAMINE.

City Badly Equipped to Meet a Contingency.

Committee Wants \$97,000 For Improvements

And Will Ask Leave to Issue Debentures.

The danger the city is in should a break-down occur at the Beach pumping station was forcibly impressed upon the Fire and Water Committee by Ald. Peregrine last evening.

Ald. Peregrine brought the matter up after the committee had authorized the payment of an account for \$400 from P. W. Sothman, the Hydro-Electric engineer who prepared plans and specifications for the electric pumps.

"Before we leave this matter," he said, "what are we doing? A year ago both Engineers McFarlane and Barrow declared that we had reached the danger point. Here we are in the same position this year. My idea is, we should arrange at once to have the pumps installed. We have an offer to have that done. I would give a contract for four or five years, the company putting the pumps in at its expense. Perhaps by that time the Hydro-Electric or some other company will be here. If we are at the danger point, and we can only take the engineer's word, I want to clear my skirts in case of a break-down.

"We have a straight offer to have these pumps put in without spending a dollar. It is a simple proposition. Why not accept it? The Cataract supplies the pumps, and at the end of that time we own them. From a business standpoint, it looks to me a simple offer and the best thing for the city. We don't issue any debentures or spend a dollar. The increase in our waterworks revenue alone last year was near \$25,000, and that would pay all the cost for power. As a business proposition, if it was my own business, I would have them at once. We don't need to care if the pumps are worth nothing at the end of that time."

"We have no knowledge of whether we are going to be charged a fair or exorbitant price for power," said Ald. A. J. Wright.

"We know what we are paying now," said Ald. Peregrine.

"And we know we will not have to pay any more," observed Ald. Guy.

"But they say Hydro Power will be fifty per cent. cheaper," said Ald. Wright. "I regret the matter has been delayed so long and think it should have been brought to a head before this. If we have nothing definite before us in a month I would like to see the city move along the lines suggested by Ald. Peregrine. In the meantime we should give the experts a chance."

Ald. Guy and Ald. Peregrine were prepared to have a sub-committee appointed to take the matter up.

Chairman Clark declared he did not think it would be possible to get anything of the kind through the Council.

"A majority of the aldermen," he said, "seemed to be opposed to tying it up. I am not opposed to tying it up, but I want to own its waterworks and should own it in its entirety and should not be depending on anyone for charity at the end of that time," said Ald. Peregrine. "I would not make a long contract under any consideration."

Engineer Barrow admitted that if one of the old Kelley-Osborne pumps broke down the other pumps would scarcely fill the requirements.

And there the matter dropped.

Want \$97,500. A sub-committee will appear before the Finance Committee and ask that application be made at once to the Ontario Railway Board for permission to issue debentures for \$97,500 for waterworks construction and improvements. The improvement consists of \$5,000 for clearing the filtering basins. The amount is made up as follows:

The Daily Fashion Hint.



Smart frock of white serge showing cutaway coat and a new pleated skirt. Narrow white silk souchache braid trims effectively.

It was for the aldermen, he said, to decide what to do, as it involved the policy to be adopted this year with applications from the county for water. He pointed out that last year the committee decided to go slow until the new pumps were installed. The committee decided to take no action.

It will cost \$870 to lay a main on Burris street. It will be built as soon as building operations are begun.

A request for a main on Argue street to cost \$850 was refused, on the advice of the Engineer.

Sweetlove Brothers made application for a main on Macaulay street, between Mary and Catharine streets. They intend building six houses. The Engineer recommended that a main and hydrants costing \$350 be installed as soon as building operations are begun. This will be done.

J. Anderson made application for water on Fairleigh avenue. City Engineer Barrow said he would recommend nothing less than a six-inch main, and this meant an expenditure of \$300. There is only one house on the block at present. The aldermen agreed, however, that there was a prospect of getting a return of from 6 to 8 per cent., and the request was granted.

Want Bath Rate Off. The new waterworks by-law, with which the committee struggled last year, will be up at the next Council meeting for its third reading, with an amendment which will make a rate of 2 1/2 cents a thousand gallons for manufacturing concerns, the exception being railways, breweries, distillers and pop manufacturers, which will be charged 12 cents.

Ald. Peregrine and Ald. Wright announced that they would make another fight in the Council to have the \$2 rate on baths abolished.

Wants New Alarm System. Chief TenEyck reported that it would cost about \$347 to install a number of fire alarm boxes in the west end. The committee decided to improve the alarm system with this, the Chief brought up the matter of an entire new fire alarm system. The old one, he said, was entirely out of date. The Chief said that sometimes when alarms were sent in on the old boxes, in confusion. Sometimes trouble occurred with telephone alarms. The person sending the alarm sometimes shouted "Fire," dropped the phone and left the department guessing as to where the fire was. He recommended a new system of non-interfering boxes, and placing a red lamp over each fire alarm box, so that there would be no mistake. The city was growing, and the telephone switchboard was always so busy that it would be wise to provide a better alarm system.

How is This? When the accounts were taken up, Ald. Peregrine pointed out that the committee was being charged \$6.03 a ton for hard coal delivered at the King William street station, while the Fuel Committee was supposed to be delivering it to the department for \$3.70 a ton. Another account for soft coal at \$3.85 a ton was also referred to. This is said to be higher than the price quoted by the Fuel Committee. The aldermen will ask to have this explained.

Other Business. James McFarlane, engineer at the Beach pumping station, will get a clock to replace the old one, which has done duty for so many years, and now refuses to go. Mr. McFarlane asked for this early in the year, but it was cut out of the estimates. Mr. McFarlane wrote a caustic letter that brought the aldermen to the point. "I suppose the aldermen think we only want the clock to let the employees know when to go home," he wrote.

Mr. McFarlane is to have a clock, not to cost more than \$10. K. L. Aitken, the expert, employed to

THE END OF SESSION NEAR.

Bills Withdrawn by Members of Legislature.

Urban School Grants Bill Introduced.

Continuation Classes and Model Schools Provided For.

Toronto, March 25.—Yesterday in the Legislature a good illustration was given of the Government's desire to bring the session to a close as quickly as possible. Bill after bill introduced by supporters of the Government was withdrawn at the word of the Premier. Bills to amend the assessment act, have already been sent to a special committee, which has yet to be appointed, with a view of possible legislation next session, and a similar fate has befallen a fine crop of bills framed to amend the law with regard to the regulation of automobiles. After the order paper had been cleared considerably the debate on the budget was resumed. Col. Atkinson twitted the Government on the fact that their boasted power policy had not produced a single practical result, and Mr. Torrance (North Perth) conducted a typical denunciation of the Government. Mr. Studholme took the floor, and held it during the night session for over two hours. He urged the Government to "do something with the unemployment problem. The debate was adjourned on the motion of Mr. A. E. Donovan.

Continuation Classes. Dr. Pyne introduced three bills to amend the public schools, Department of Education act and the act respecting separate school fifth classes and continuation classes.

An explanation of the amendments supplied by the department states that they provide for the reorganization of continuation classes. In future there will be continuation classes and fifth classes, a distinction being drawn between two grades of what were hitherto termed indiscriminately continuation classes. The continuation school (a name applied in England, Germany and elsewhere to work of similar character) will impart instruction in the advanced and inclusive of that prescribed for the fifth class of the public school, and may employ one, two or three teachers. The continuation schools will be, to all intents and purposes, rural high schools, and under the new classification already number over 100. The object of the Government is to develop these schools, so that before long there will be one in every township in the Province. The existing 309 in number, have been really doing fifth class work. These will now be termed fifth classes, and financial inducements to extend and improve their course will, it is hoped, cause them to multiply rapidly. The design is to secure to the rural parts and to the small urban centres better facilities for secondary education. With the object of supplying teachers having the special qualification in elementary school, agriculture and industry, in workshop training needed in rural schools and in small industrial centres, courses will be provided at the Ontario Agricultural College supplementary to the Normal School course. Part of the course will be of three months' and the travelling expenses and board of the candidates will be paid.

The amendments also give the Minister of Education power to establish model schools, the intention being to assume control and financial support of such model schools as are to be retained, these being situated in such parts of the Province as require, for financial reasons, teachers with the necessary special qualifications. The plan of the present district certificates, but of a higher grade. The Model School examinations will, therefore, in future be conducted by the department as are the Normal School examinations, and all certificates of qualification will hereafter be issued by the Minister.

Section 23 of the education act is amended by the addition of a clause stating: "To apportion all sums of money voted by the Legislature to the assembly as a special grant for urban public and separate schools among the several cities, towns and incorporated villages, on the basis of the grade of the teachers' certificates, and the length of their successful experience, and to pay the money so apportioned at the same time and in the same manner as the sums paid under sections one and two immediately preceding."

The sub-sections last mentioned provide for the manner of the distribution of the special grant in aid of rural public and separate schools.

Mr. Craig moved the second reading of his bill to amend the high schools act. He said that the act now stood men who held positions in the pay of municipalities could not be high school trustees. He thought such disqualifications were absurd, but when Hon. Dr. Pyne said that such a proposal would open the door too wide, and Mr. Craig withdrew it.

Sent to Committee. Mr. J. P. Downey, in moving the second reading of his bill to amend the municipal act, explained that its purpose was to enable cities to elect a Board of Control without applying for special legislation in each instance.

Hon. W. J. Hanna said that the Government had no objection to the bill, which was read a second time, going to the Municipal Committee.

Hon. A. G. MacKay thought that care should be taken to provide that a vote of the ratepayers should be taken before any change was made in the method of a city's government.

The Acts Operate. Mr. Hoyle's motion to amend the clause in the game and fisheries act prohibiting the use of automatic guns came up for its second reading, but was withdrawn at the request of the Premier.

The following bills received second reading: To amend the act respecting the office of Sheriff Mr. McElroy. To amend the act to prevent fraud in the sale of milk Mr. McNaught. Mr. J. P. Downey withdrew his bill providing that persons in arrears in regard to the payment of their taxes should not be eligible for election on municipal, town or city councils. Mr. Sutherland, in moving the sec-

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ond reading of his bill to regulate the speed and operation of motor vehicles, pointed out that the horses of Ontario were valued at \$80,000,000, and their owners deserved some consideration.

The bill was referred to a special committee, which will be appointed tomorrow, to deal with motor legislation, as was Mr. Bowman's bill.

Budget Debate Resumed. The Provincial Treasurer moved that the House should go into Committee of Supply, and the debate on the budget was resumed by Colonel Atkinson (North Norfolk), who said that to the late Government belonged the credit of the building up of the Sault Ste. Marie industries, which were even yet only in their infancy. He foretold that the day would come when not only steel rails would be rolled at the "Soo," but armor plates for the cruisers of the navy of Canada, which Canada would possess in twenty-five years. With regard to educational matters, Colonel Atkinson drew a very unfavorable comparison between the present and former methods. The "power as cheap as air" policy of the Government had, he thought, along with many other pledges, passed into the realm of fairy, stanzas and myths. Apparently three years' work and the expenditure of many thousands of dollars had not produced a single practical result. As a matter of fact, so far as receiving cheap power was concerned, the people of Ontario were no better off than they were three years ago. It was evident from Major St. Aubyn's letter that he had been prepared to make an offer to the Government, but had not been allowed to do so. Major St. Aubyn's letter was that of a disappointed man.

Mr. J. Torrance (North Perth) claimed that there had been no effective criticism of the Provincial Treasurer's financial statement. He claimed that the increased expenditure for normal schools was virtually for the benefit of the public schools.

After dinner Mr. Torrance, continuing his address, made a plea for technical education. In regard to immigration he said that if Ontario native population was to continue moving westward, and continental Europe sent its slum population to the Province, unfortunate results must follow. Either those immigrants must be assimilated and raised to the general tone of the population would deteriorate.

The Views of Labor. Mr. Studholme (Hamilton), congratulated all the speakers. At least they had done well from the standpoint of Toryism and Criticism, if in no other way. He advocated that only day labor should be employed in connection with Government contracts, pub-

lic ownership of all franchises, stricter regulation of child labor, and prohibition of prison labor coming into competition with free labor. He also mentioned the House that it was the intention of the Labor party to run four candidates in Toronto at the forthcoming election. Mr. Studholme stated that emigration societies in England were sending their representatives through the country saying what wonderful opportunities there were in Canada. They even said that a man could become independent in five years. He would like to see the man who could do it. He challenged the statement that the Salvation Army were only bringing out farm laborers, quoting interviews with immigrants which had appeared in the press. He knew of men who had been brought out by the Army in the last month to work on railway construction in British Columbia. Why could they not send some of the unemployed thousands of Ontario there instead of bringing out more people to swell the flood of misery? He would like to know how it was that Dr. Sheard, who thought a label on a loaf unhealthy, permitted dirty, insanitary and overcrowded shacks to exist in the city of Toronto. He thought that the Government might have used some of the surplus in establishing public works and giving employment to some of the unemployed. "What's the matter with this brainy Government?" asked Mr. Studholme, and a voice promptly called attention to the fact that the Hon. A. J. Matheson was the only remaining occupant of the seats to the right of the speaker. The Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Public Works and a number of the supporters of the Government having lined up behind Mr. Studholme. Mr. McDougall has asked for a return showing the exact financial position of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway.

Scene at Revival Meeting. Belleville, March 25.—Joseph Adams, who is alleged to be insane, created much excitement at the Crossley-Hunter revival meetings by rising in his place and denouncing Mr. Hunter, who was speaking. He was arrested, and his sanity will be tested by medical men.

Harvard Expels Son of Novelist. Cambridge, Mass., March 25.—H. Marion Crawford, a son of F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, has been expelled from Harvard for failure in his studies, and sailed yesterday for his home in Italy. Young Crawford has had an unenviable career at Harvard. For three years he tutored for entrance, only to fail at the examinations. He finally entered last fall.

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MACHINE BLEW UP. Hotel Building in New Brunswick Town Wrecked.

McAdam Jet., N. B., March 25.—The north wall of the Hotel City Camp was moved about eight inches, the dining room completely demolished and every window in the house blown out by an explosion of the acetylene gas machine in the hotel basement this evening. The clerk of the hotel was in the basement at the time and received serious injuries, being thrown ten feet. Mrs. Meredith, wife of the proprietor, is very ill as a result of the shock. Several guests in the dining room at the time escaped serious injuries.



KING MANUEL. This is the first photo which has been taken of the young King Manuel of Portugal since he succeeded his assassinated father. He is wearing the uniform of a Generalissimo of the Portuguese army and it will be noticed that he is wearing a band of crepe around his left sleeve.